



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 30, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers, 201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida
Virtual Council Meeting using Communications Media Technology Pursuant to
Governor's Executive Order 20-69

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 6:00 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Maria Puente Mitchell
Vice Mayor Bob Best
Councilwoman Jacky Bravo
Councilman Walter Fajet, Ph.D.
Councilman Victor Vazquez, Ph.D.

City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso
Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero
City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria
City Attorney Haydee Sera (via Zoom)
Human Resource Director Bill Collins

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Councilwoman Jacky Bravo
Salute to the Flag: The audience participated.

- 3. Discussion of budget changes proposed during the first two workshops**

Mr. Alonso updated the City Council with a variety of items for Council's consideration:

1) In Council's budget the \$8,000 set aside for City Events are to be discussed for a possible reduction of \$4,000.

This item was considered by the City Council and this line item was reduced.

2) The request from the River Cities to increase the city donation to \$28,000 for Police and Public Works services by using the unused \$14,000 from the current year. This will be paid on a reimbursement basis as invoices are submitted, there will not be a total upfront payment as in the past. If Council approves, we can rollover the \$14,000 unused from FY20-21 and this will not affect the millage for the FY21-22 budget.

This item was considered by the City Council and this item was approved.

3) Discuss the request from the Historic Society to increase their subsidy from \$6,000 to \$12,500 for FY21-22.

This item was considered by the City Council and this item was approved.

4) Discuss the \$4,220 annual cost of a new marquee for the Circle.

This item was considered by the City Council and this item was not approved.

5) Addition of \$30,000 to the City Attorney budget to update the City's sign code.

This item was considered by the City Council and this item was approved.

6) Request from pelican Playhouse for a \$2,600 increase to their annual subsidy.

This item was considered by the City Council and this item was approved.

7) Adding a full-time grant writer would cost approx. \$70,000 annually with benefits.

This item was considered by the City Council and this item was approved.

8) We removed the \$100,000 for the racquetball court, and will include this project as part of our overall discussion on ARPA projects in the next few weeks after we have some solid numbers to work with.

This item was considered by the City Council and the Council conceded.

9) Added the \$97,850 for the new roofs at the country club and maintenance building, this project is funded through the ARPA grant.

This item was considered by the City Council and the Council conceded.

4. Setting a tentative millage for first public hearing on September 13, 2021

It was general consensus of the City Council to consider the millage rate at \$7.2640 mills at the first public hearing.

5. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 27th day of September, 2021.



Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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